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Programme planning

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 17 September 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Programme planning" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its thirty-ninth session;[1]

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on measures for sectoral, functional and regional bodies to review the proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (A/54/89);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on ways in which the full implementation and the quality of mandated programmes and activities could be ensured and could be better assessed by and reported to Member States (A/54/117);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (A/54/125);

(e) Note by the Secretary-General on Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (A/C.5/54/12).

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/54/16).

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3. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 40th and 48th meetings, on 30 November and 17 December 1999. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/54/SR.40 and 48).

4. At the 40th meeting, on 30 November, the Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination introduced the report of that Committee (see A/C.5/54/SR.40).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/54/L. 23

5. At the 48th meeting, on 17 December, the representative of Pakistan, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of the informal consultations on the item, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Programme planning" (A/C.5/54/L.23).

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.23 without a vote (see para. 8).

7. Following the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement in explanation of position was made by the representative of Finland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

8. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Programme planning

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its thirty-ninth session,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its thirty-ninth session;[1]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Committee regarding the review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations, programme planning and the provisional agenda for the fortieth session of the Committee;

3. *Also endorses* the conclusions and recommendations on coordination questions contained in paragraphs 560 to 565, 567 and 568, and 587 to 596 of the report of the Committee;[1]

4. *Notes* that, in the context of coordination questions, the proposals relating to performance indicators requested by the Committee for Programme and Coordination and contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations System-wide Special Initiative for the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda

for the Development of Africa in the 1990s[2] have not been approved by the General Assembly;

5. *Notes* that the matter addressed in paragraph 566 of the report of the Committee is being considered by the General Assembly under a separate item of the agenda;

6. *Urges* the Secretary-General to issue, as soon as possible, the rules in implementation of the revised Regulations Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation adopted by the General Assembly at its fifty-third session, taking fully into account the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination contained in paragraph 47 of its report;[1]

7. *Decides* to continue its consideration of the item entitled "Programme planning" during the resumed fifty-fourth session.

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[2] E/AC.51/1999/6.